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In re Application of)
John S. Capoccia)
Serial No. 09/803,463) Examiner Randall E. Chin
Filed: March 9, 2001) Group Art Unit 1744
For: SYNTHETIC TORN PATTERNED)
ROLLER AND ITS METHOD OF)
PRODUCTION)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This paper is filed preliminarily in this application and replaces the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 13, 2001. The undersigned regrets the errors in the Preliminary Amendment.

The specification at page 4, ll 25-35, has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error as set forth in the accompanying "Marked-up Specification. The clean text is set forth in the accompanying "Clean Specification".

Claim 1 is amended and new claims 20-24 are submitted, as set forth in the accompanying "Marked-up Set of Amended Claims". The amended claims are set forth in the accompanying "Clean Set of Amended Claims".

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Reconsideration of the above-identified application respectfully is requested.

The amendments to claim 1 respond to its criticism by the Examiner in the parent application that process limitations are not given patentable significance. In this regard, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. The claim limitation at issue is as follows:

"ragged edges...having been created by a tearing action"

Applicant's suggested new claim language:

"ragged, torn edges"